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Dear USDA,

I am writing to you in support of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Livestock Committee's

My husband and I own a small ranch in the panhandle of Texas where we raise a dozen or so Hereford

When I buy an organic product, I am even willing to pay significantly higher prices in order that I am assured

Cows need grass. Cows need sunshine. Please help them and us.

Sincerely,

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recommendations regarding standards for pasturing of ruminant animals. Having read their suggestions
Is for beef, although our living is made through the construction company we own and my work as a che
sured that the product has been produced using a healthy, sustainable method. The standards for pastu

and raising beef animals for family and friends' use, I am personally familiar with raising cattle and know
chemical engineer for the local refinery. The standards given by the committee are commensurate with our
ring that are required in the committee's recommendations help assure me as a consumer that the prod

w that their recommendations are sound and attainable. It is important that the "organic" label requires s
own practices as beef producers and with the operations of other nature sensitive folks we know. We ai
ucts I buy are produced in that manner. For example, I pay nearly a dollar a gallon more for organic milk

uch minimum standards so the average consumer can know the conditions under which their food was j
re in an area where the confined dairy and beef feedlot industries are large. As business people ourselv
k because I strongly believe in the importance of limiting the artificial chemicals introduced into our food

produced. At the same time, it is also important to limit the restrictions under which a producer must operate, we understand the economics involved in these confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs), but we are part of the supply chain and am equally committed to a humane and healthy life for the dairy cattle. In addition, I know that

prative so he can remain competitive.

e try to support organic industries as often as possible because of the lifestyle benefits for us as individu

it pastured animals will eat a variety of plants in a day and are consuming greater amounts of trace mine

als and for the ultimate benefits for the community at large. On a daily basis we are witnesses to the co
erals and compounds that are not available to a confined animal. These are passed along to us in our fo

insequences - good and evil - of both CAFOs and chemical industries. Hopefully, the organic industry can do as well. As further evidence, when I began buying organic milk, the amount my teenage sons drink tr

ully, the organic industry can continue to grow and provide a better life for people and animals, both phy:
nt my teenage sons drink tripled because "it tastes better." Yes, my milk bill went up considerably